

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today issued the following statement after learning that Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) had passed away.

“Today the U.S. Senate lost a beloved member and someone I was honored to serve alongside. Senator Byrd loved this institution, treasured its history and believed in the impact this body could have on the lives of West Virginians and those of all Americans. It was obvious in every action he took – from shoring up protections for coal miners and their families to writing the seminal history of the Senate.

“I join all of my colleagues in mourning his loss and extend my deepest sympathies to the Byrd family during this time of need.”